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Take notice readers...the Heritage Areas Office in Washington has moved to 1201 Eye St and I have a **NEW PHONE NUMBER 202 354-2222**. The mailing address has stayed the same: 1849 C Street, NW, Room 3128, Washington DC 20240 and my email is the same. To reach Suzanne Copping, heritage areas program assistant, send email to suzanne_copping@contractor.nps.gov. Her phone number is 202 354-2221.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The end of the session momentum is building. On October 3 the Senate marked up five heritage area designation bills including S.2731 Crossroads of the American Revolution, S. 2744 National Aviation Heritage Area, S. 2756 Champlain Valley National Heritage Partnership, S. 2899 Atchafalaya National Heritage Area and S.2937 Blue Ridge National Heritage Area. These bills join six other heritage designation bills that were favorably reported on July 30 of this year and S.509 designating Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Corridor which passed the Senate in August of 2001. A total of twelve new heritage designation bills are awaiting further consideration.

In addition to these actions, Senator Hollings (D-SC) introduced S. 3078 to study the feasibility of designating a Southern Campaign of the Revolution Heritage Area in South Carolina. A companion bill HR 4830 has already been introduced in the House.

Finally, on October 1 the House passed HR 4944 a bill to designate Cedar Creek and Belle Grove Plantation National Historical Park as a unit of the National Park System to help preserve, protect and interpret the Civil War landscape in the Shenandoah Valley. This will increase the number of heritage areas that have thematically related national park units embedded within their boundaries. The Shenandoah Valley National Historic District is working closely with this proposal.



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NATIONAL HERITAGE AREAS IN THE NEWS

Heritage areas continue to be recognized for their innovative work. The MotorCities-Automobile National Heritage Area General Management Plan received the top planning award for an outstanding planning project and for a special community initiative from the Michigan Society for Planning the State Chapter of the American Association for Planning. The Society praised the plans public involvement strategy and noted that it was "an outstanding example of comprehensive regional planning."

In other award-winning news, Silos & Smokestacks, America's Agricultural Heritage Partnership, will receive one of the top awards from the National Association for Interpretation for their initiative "Camp Silos: An Educational Website Highlighting the Accomplishments of American Agriculture." The award will be made at the annual National Interpreters Workshop November 12-16 in Virginia Beach, VA.

ON THE ROAD

In early October your editor attended an excellent Alliance for National Heritage Areas meeting in Waterloo, IA. The National Trust Meeting the next week featured a host of heritage area sessions and tours. For those who could not be present in person you can order tapes or CDs of the heritage area sessions and others by going to www.nthpconference.org. For the heritage area sessions order #s 7587, 7589, 7590, and 7593. If you missed the tours, you will just have to plan a visit to the Ohio & Erie Canal national Heritage Corridor. Many thanks to the National Trust for

sponsoring the heritage area initiatives in a prominent fashion. It is not too soon to be thinking of next year's annual National Trust meeting in Denver, September 30-October 5, 2003. The heritage reception and sessions could have a distinctly western flavor.

Finally, planning is underway for the big kahuna of all conferences the **International Heritage Development Conference in Pittsburgh June 7-11, 2003**. The Conference has gained the support of the National Park Service, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and most recently US/ICOMOS (the United States Committee International Council on Monuments and Sites).